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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, so far as the answer is concerned, it is correct to say that there are no such prisoners as were referred to; but if the present supplementary question seeks to make a distinction and raise an iron wall between crime and political motive, I say it is a question which I should be able to answer if put to me separately."

Report of the Special Officer regarding the Amindivi Islands.

* 8 Q.—SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Special Officer was appointed to inspect the Amindivi Islands;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to publish the report, if any, submitted by him or place it on the table of the House;

(c) what action do the Government propose to take on the recommendations contained therein;

(d) whether the Government propose to transfer the Amindivi group of islands at present attached to South Kanara district to Malabar district for purposes of administration; and

(e) if so, whether the wishes of the people of the islands were ascertained in this behalf?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) Yes.

"(b) No. The report is being examined and it is too soon to say anything at this stage.

" (c) to (e) The Government have called for the remarks of the Board of Revenue on the various recommendations of the Special Inspecting Officer, and the Revenue Board is examining the report. It is premature to say anything in the matter just at present."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, when was this report submitted to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The report was submitted at the end of March, and it was sent to the Board of Revenue in April."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Will the Government be pleased to publish the report at least for the use of the Members of this House? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" As I have said already, it is premature to say anything now before the report has been examined fully."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" How is it premature, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The report is being examined. Only after the examination is complete, it may be published."